

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (CMD)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	20575	Agenda Number	9.
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Meeting Date:	December 13, 2012
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Department:	Contract Management
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of professional services agreements with the following five (5) staff recommended firms (or one of the other qualified responders): TBE GROUP, INC. dba CARDNO TBE; SO DEEP, INC.; SURVEYING AND MAPPING, INC.; COBB, FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.; and, THE RIOS GROUP, INC. for professional services for the 2012 Subsurface Utility Engineering Services Rotation List for an estimated period of three years or until financial authorization is expended, with the total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 divided among the 5 firms.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Capital and/or Operating and Maintenance Budgets of the various departments requiring services.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Staff recommendations are the five most qualified firms out of fifteen firms evaluated through the City's qualification-based selection process.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Steve Brand 974-7233; Rolando Fernandez 974-7749; April Shaw 974-7141.
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	
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Related Items:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 4.83% MBE and 6.87% WBE subconsultant participation.
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Additional Backup Information

Design and construction projects are faced with the dilemma of a lack of accurate information on the location and identification of existing underground infrastructure that represent potential conflicts. Inaccurate underground utility information has resulted in numerous utility conflicts during construction, and has historically contributed to project delays, public inconvenience, business interruptions, utility damages, costly plan revisions, pay item negotiations, safety compromises, and other issues.

The services provided by the selected consultants will result in reducing and/or eliminating these costly factor(s) in project design and construction by providing the designer with an accurate picture of the underground infrastructure early in the design stage of the project.

The SUE Consultants shall perform the following services:

1. Indication of the horizontal location of existing underground utilities by the application and interpretation of non-destructive surface techniques;
2. Acquisition of precise horizontal and vertical position, type, material, condition, size and other data that may reasonably be acquired concerning the utility facility and its surrounding environment through exposure by non-destructive excavation techniques;
3. Processing of the surveying utility information acquired in the "designating" and "locating" phase of service and submitting this information to the City of Austin;
4. Coordination of all activities with the SUE Services Rotation List Contract Manager or City of Austin designee, to facilitate the orderly progress and timely completion of the City of Austin project design phase; and
5. Performance of miscellaneous activities such as traffic control, permits and right of entry, condition assessments and provide testimony as expert technical witness if necessary.

The total funding authority for the 2012 Subsurface Utility Engineering Services Rotation List is \$3,000,000 with the authority to be divided among the five (5) firms.

This request anticipates the development of a professional services agreement with each of the five recommended firms for an estimated period of three years or until financial authorization is expended. The rotation list will allow assignment of projects based on the City's established rotation list management procedures. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with a recommended firm, if a selected firm ceases practice during the contract period, or if the City elects to terminate its agreement with one of the selected firms, the remaining assignments will be assigned to the remaining firm(s) for the duration of the contract period.

Participation goals stated in the solicitation were 4.83% MBE and 6.87% WBE. The recommended firms provided MBE/WBE Compliance Plans that met the goals of the solicitation and were approved by the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 1252 firms on June 15, 2012. The RFQ was obtained by 113 firms and 15 submitted qualification statements. One of the firms was a certified WBE firm.

RECOMMENDED FIRMS:

- TBE Group, Inc. dba Cardno TBE
- So-Deep, Inc.
- Surveying and Mapping, Inc.
- Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc.

- The Rios Group

TBE Group, Inc. dba Cardno TBE is located in Round Rock, TX

So-Deep, Inc. is located in San Antonio, TX

Surveying and Mapping, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

The Rios Group is located in Houston, TX